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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Executive Committee

November 5, 1970 at Bangor

Date

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By: JoAnne R. Magill, Clerk

PRESENT: Chairman, L. M. Cutler, A. H. Benoit, R. N. Haskell, J. H. Page and Mrs. Jean Sampson. Staff: D. R. McNeil, S. L. Freeman, H. L. Fowle, and Clerk, J. R. Magill.

Chairman Cutler convened the meeting and invited the Chancellor to elaborate on a staff proposal which was designed to eliminate dual committee assignments for the Trustees, and to encourage spontaneous discussions during public meetings. The proposal provided for reconstitution of standing committees of the Board and some revision of the customary timetable for Board meetings. After considerable discussion, it was moved, seconded and

VOTED: to recommend to the Board

- 1) that the standing committees of the Board be reconstituted as follows:

Educational Policy: Mrs. Jean Sampson, Chairman
H. R. Brown
N. Y. Wessell
Commissioner of Education

Finance: R. N. Haskell, Chairman
W. G. Robertson
C. D. Reed

Physical Plant: J. H. Page, Chairman
H. L. V. Anderson
R. H. Cutting
V. P. Currier

Public Information: A. H. Benoit, Chairman
Miss Lucia Cormier
S. T. Hughes

- 2) that all committees be scheduled to meet simultaneously, in advance of the Board meeting.
- 3) that, in lieu of a Committee on Agenda, the Board meet in Executive Session prior to the public meeting to hear the reports of Committee chairmen on items that should not be referred to the public meeting, and to discuss and take action on any other sensitive items that might be on the agenda.

It was understood that the Executive Session would be convened without the formality of a vote in the public meeting. When the Executive Session is scheduled immediately prior to the public meeting, a brief pre-determined time limit will be scrupulously observed. To insure that there will be no delay in opening the public meeting at the stated hour, any Executive Session business not completed in the allotted time would be held over for a reconvened session following the public meeting.

Dr. Cutler asked to have the recommendations of the Executive Committee presented to the full Board for a telephone vote. The modified procedure would be implemented for the December meeting at Gorham if the recommendations are approved by the Board.

Mr. Fowle reported that the schedule of fees for tuition and board and room were being reviewed for the entire University and that recommendations would be ready for Board consideration at the December meeting. The disparity in tuition rates at Portland-Gorham has created problems and students on the Portland campus have engaged a lawyer, hoping to force equalization of tuition fees for the Spring semester. It is expected that student groups from both campuses will request permission to address the Board on this issue at the December meeting in Gorham. Mr. Fowle noted that the staff will recommend removal of inequities throughout the system, the revised schedule to become effective July 1, 1971. At his request, the Budget Officer, Mr. David Carter, presented a brief survey of current and proposed schedules. These will be discussed in the Administrative Council and further refined before the final proposal is submitted to the Board.

On the recommendation of the Chancellor, it was moved, seconded and

VOTED: 1) to approve a change of status for Richard A. Costello, Chairman, Department of Physical Education and Athletics and Professor of Health and Physical Education at Gorham, to Director of Athletics, UMP-G. Mr. Costello will retain his professorship in Health and Physical Education (Gorham).

2) to approve a change of status for Ralph E. Duso, Administrative Assistant at Gorham, to Purchasing Agent, UMP-G.

3) to approve the appointment of Duane A. Smith to the position of Extension Economist-Marketing, UMO, at an annual salary of \$16,500, effective January 1, 1971.

It was moved, seconded and

VOTED: to accept with gratitude the Katherine and Leroy Norton Natural Science Collection bequeathed to the University of Maine at Presque Isle.

Dr. McNeil told the Committee that he has been attending a series of meetings with the State's medical leadership and that they have indicated an interest in the University with respect to the development of medical and allied health programs. Dr. Cutler noted that the federal government is becoming increasingly supportive of medical education, and there was general agreement that the Chancellor should continue to explore the possibility that the University could play a major role in this area.

The Chancellor reported briefly on the status of the Presidential searches in progress at Machias, Portland-Gorham, and Fort Kent. One of the candidates for the Machias presidency arrived in Bangor while the Committee was in session, and the Trustees present had an opportunity to talk with him before he proceeded to Machias where he was to have a second interview with members of the search committee.

Dr. Cutler announced that he had been asked informally to tell the Board that Maine Central Institute could be acquired as a gift, if the University wished to express an interest in it.

At the request of the Chancellor, the Committee discussed the bomb threats that continue to disrupt the University's campuses. At the present time evacuation and search procedures are instigated on receipt of each bomb report. Dr. McNeil noted that there is considerable pressure from the administrators to discontinue evacuation as an automatic reaction in each instance. Acknowledging that the Board would be ultimately responsible for any unfortunate incidents that might result from a non-evacuation policy, there was general agreement that it would be desirable to provide some flexibility to make individual decisions at the administrative level. After considerable discussion it was moved, seconded and

VOTED: to authorize the Chancellor to decide upon appropriate procedures to be followed in the wake of bomb threats. Decisions will be made by the Chancellor in consultation with the Campus administration and security personnel, on the basis of the individual circumstances prevailing in each case.

On July 29 the Board approved an item for the capital construction program which would provide \$750,000 for the construction of a library building at UMA. There is a good possibility that some federal funds might be available for this project. It was moved, seconded and

VOTED: to confirm the submission of an application to the federal government describing a library construction project estimated at one million dollars, and to direct the staff to submit a revised description of this project to the Bureau of Public Improvements.

To enable the State and the City of Portland to locate underground lines, and to straighten irregular property boundaries, it was moved, seconded and

VOTED: 1) to convey to the State two small parcels of land (totaling approximately 810 square feet) from the University property bordering 1-295 right-of-way in Portland, and

2) to accept 3 small parcels (totaling 2,003 square feet) in the same area from the State.

Mr. Fowle notified the Committee that the costs of the administrative merger of the Portland-Gorham complex, along with expenditures required to separate Portland from Orono, had greatly exceeded the \$100,000 budgeted for these purposes. He estimated that an additional \$100,000 would be needed to finance the current operation at UMP-G through June 30, 1971. In consultation with the Chancellor and the staff, the Portland-Gorham administration has agreed on specific measures that will help to reduce the deficit. These include operation of the bookstore and the cafeteria on a self-sustaining basis; appealing to UMO for funds not transferred at the time Portland was separated; and effecting savings through personnel attrition and other management actions. A further review of all budgets will be undertaken at mid-year and the Committee was assured that a balanced budget for the University system as a whole would be in existence after that review.

Adjournment.

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